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FROM THE AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, PN, US
SUBJECT: NEGOTIATING A NEW CANAL TREATY WITH PANAMMA --
POLICY PROPOSAL

REF: STATE 15063

1. SIX YEARS SERVICE AS DIRECTOR PANAMA CANAL COMPANY
GIVES ME FAMILIARITY WITH PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN
NEGOTIATIONS FOR A NEW TREATY.

2. RECOMMEND THE FOLLOWING SUGGESTION BE CONSIDERED
AS A TRADING POINT IN NEGOTIATIONS. NO NEW TREATY TO
BE AGREED TO UNLESS OPEN AND FREE ELECTIONS ARE HELD
IN PANAMA, SUCH A TREATY TO BE CONCLUDED ONLY WITH
SUCH A DULY-ELECTED GOVERNMENT.

3. IF GENERAL TORREJOS GETS CREDIT FOR A NEW TREATY
BETWEEN GOP AND USG, IT WILL PROBABLY CEMENT HIM IN
OFFICE FOR LIFE. AFTER ALL, GENERAL TORREJOS IS A
DICTATOR WHO USURPED POWER ONLY NINE DAYS AFTER THE
DULY-ELECTED PRESIDENT OF PANAMA WAS SWORN IN AND IF
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WE SIGN TREATY WHILE HE HOLDS THE POWER WE WILL BE
GUILTY OF AIDING DICTATORSHIP VIS-A-VIS DEMOCRACY.
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